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created it said the quorum would be. Is that true?

SENATOR BURLING: Whatever they agree to.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, if two people show up, there is nothing in this language, and correct me if I'm incorrect, there's nothing in the language of this bill which says they cannot function and do the work of the commission, is there?

SENATOR BURLING: Well, like I said, if the commission isn't complete membership, like the bill calls for, I don't see that anything that they decide can be of any value.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, here's what I'm saying; that 16 members are appointed, 16 are appointed, but only 2 show up. Those two could carry out the work of the commission. Is that true?

SENATOR BURLING: I would hope not. I don't know any other group that operates that way.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What would stop them, under this law as it's written?

SENATOR BURLING: Nothing in this law that would stop them, but...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then they could, couldn't they, legally carry out the work of the commission, the two of them?

SENATOR BURLING: I don't think so, but then...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What would stop them?

SENATOR BURLING: Just the common way of doing business.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, if we were going to do things the common way of doing business, we wouldn't need a statute to create this commission. The Governor could just appoint a task force. This is putting into the statute a law. This law will govern this commission and everything that's mentioned in this law. Would you agree with that? The law that we're talking